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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 7459

FROM AMBASSADOR KINTNER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: FFOR, MARR, PARM, IN, US, XO, TH.

SUBJECT: U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE INDIAN OCEAN

THERE IS A SMALL ATOLL

(WITH APOLOGIES TO ROGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN)

1. MY COLLEAGUE FROM NEW DELHI
HAS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF QUITE WELL; HE
HAS FOUND A PANACEA
FOR DIEGO GARCIA.

IN THE INDIAN OCEAN EXPANSE,
THE BRITISH HAVE GIVEN US LEASE
WHICH BY ODD HAPPEN-STANCE
IS DISTURBING "THE ZONE OF PEACE."

SOME STATES ON THE INDIAN OCEAN LITTORAL
URGE THE U.S. TO DESIST AND CEASE
FROM DEVELOPING A ROCKY ATOLL
IN THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF PEACE.

THE MATTER HAS CAUSED GREAT COMMOTION
AROUND THE INDIAN OCEAN
INDEED, THERE IS WIDESPREAD DELUSION
CONCERNING OUR NAVAL INTRUSION.

A POLL TAKEN AMONG DIPLOMATIC POSTS
REVEALS AMBASSADORIAL VIEWS
TO BE COLORED LIKE THOSE OF THEIR HOSTS.

HAPPY THOSE ENVOYS
WHO DWELL IN STATES SUBLIME
WHOSE LEADERS SHARE OPINE
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WITH THOSE HELD BY CNO'S
FOR THEM ANYTHING GOES
TO COUNTER-PLAY
THE SOVIET NAVAL ARRAY
CRISSCROSSING THE ZONE OF PEACE
WITHOUT SURCEASE.

SUCH FORTUNATE MEN OF STATE

HAVING NO PROBLEMS TO RELATE
WISH TO KEEP FROM PUBLIC AGENDA
ITEMS WHICH COULD PROMOTE CONTENDRA.

AN IDENTICAL LINE IS CHOSEN
BY THOSE WHO DAILY DEAL
WITH RULERS
WHO ENJOY
MAKING US
THEIR WHIPPING BOY.

THESE DIPLOMATS ALSO WISH TO STAY MUM
ABOUT WHAT WE ARE
DOING SO FAR AWAY
FROM THE GREAT NORTHERN STAR
TO KEEP THE BEAR'S BOATS AT BAY.

BUT THOSE OF US WHO SOJOURN
IN LANDS WHERE THE FOURTH ESTATE
IS FREE TO BERATE
OUR EVER SLIGHTEST MOVE
NEED A RATIONALE
TO PROVE THAT OUR HEART IS PURE
ONLY THUS CAN WE ENDURE
AND KEEP A NAVAL INSTALLATION
FROM PROVOKING SUCH CONSTERNATION.

THERE MUST BE WISE MEN
ON WASHINGTON'S PAYROLL
WHO CAN MAKE AN ATOLL
APPEAR TO OUR KEN
IN QUIET AND TRANQUIL VISION.

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IF NO ONE IN WASHINGTON CAN
DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN
IS READY FOR THIS MISSION.

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